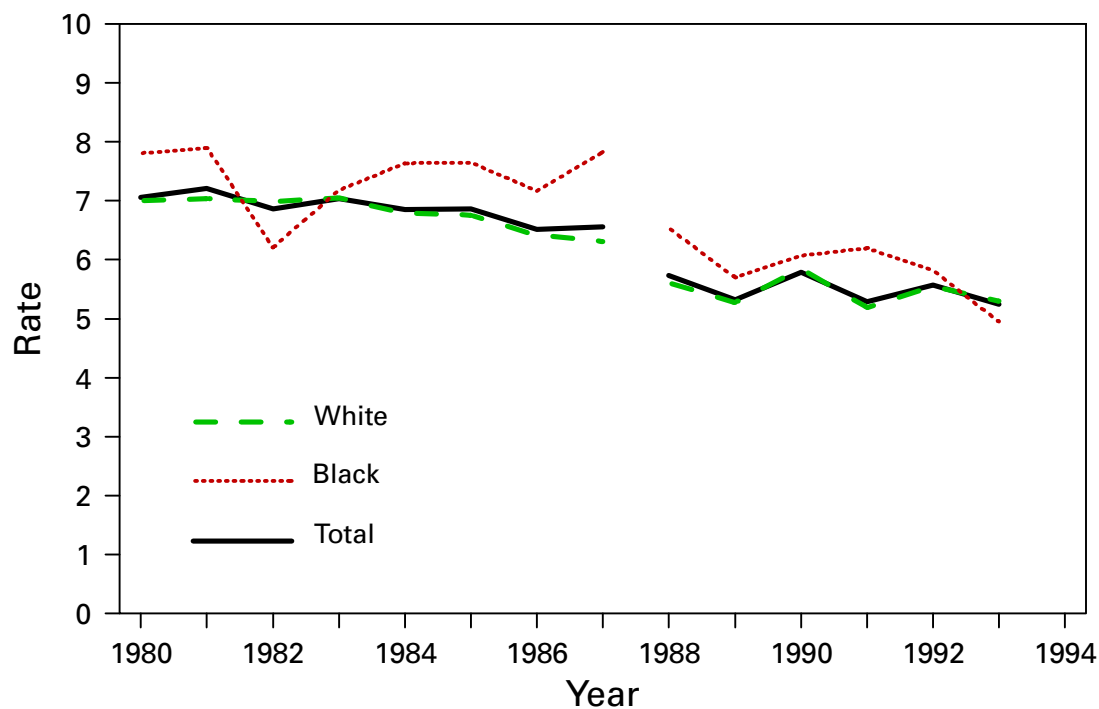


FIGURE 1. Hysterectomy rates,* by race of women who obtained the procedure — United States, 1980–1993†



* Per 1,000 female, civilian residents aged ≥15 years.

† Break in lines (after 1987) reflects change in rates resulting from redesign of the National Hospital Discharge Survey; the changes in sampling design precluded comparison of the two time periods (i.e., 1980–1987 and 1988–1993).